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## WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER?

### School's out!

Time for fun activities outdoors with family and friends.

For those of us who live in Arizona it's no secret that it gets really (really) hot! What are you going to do this summer to stay cool? Let us know by entering our latest contest...



"Flat Charlie."

Check out page 4 for contest details and rules!



## FUN FACT



More than 20 million Hershey's Kisses are wrapped each day using 133 square miles of tinfoil.

Many people don't realize it but all of that foil is recyclable!

DON'T MISS THE  
"COOLEST"  
INDEPENDENCE FESTIVAL  
IN ARIZONA!



July 4, 2014  
6:00 - 10:30 p.m.  
263 N. Center Street



# AskCharlie



Hi there! Charlie the Recycling Chimp here to answer all of your recycling questions!

Dear Charlie,

If we don't recycle glass, how long will it take to "go away" if it goes to the landfill?

Sincerely,  
Mike

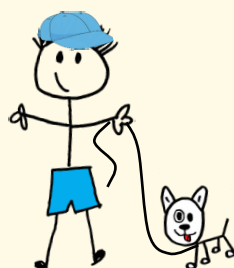


Dear Charlie,

I've been wondering what the recycling symbol with the three arrows stands for. Do you know?



Sincerely,  
Henry



Dear Mike,

That's a great question. If you throw away glass in your trash it will go to the landfill where it will stay buried for thousands and thousands of years!

However, if you put your glass in your recycle container it will be made into new glass items, not just one time, but as long as you keep recycling it!

Yours in recycling,  
Charlie

Dear Henry,

The three arrow recycling symbol represents the three steps in the recycling process.

- 1) Collecting and processing recyclable materials.
- 2) Making new products from what was collected.
- 3) New items are then sold which starts the whole process over again!

Yours in recycling,  
Charlie

Do you have a question for Charlie?  
You can mail your questions to:

Club Blue  
Solid Waste Management Dept.  
P.O. Box 1466  
Mesa, AZ 85211-1466

Or e-mail Charlie at:  
[CharlieTheRecyclingChimp@mesaaz.gov](mailto:CharlieTheRecyclingChimp@mesaaz.gov)



# OUTDOOR FUN



Bored? Need some ideas for what to do this summer?  
Check out these fun ideas!

## Miniature Golf

Make a golf course in your own back yard! Draw large numbers on cardboard or paper plates and attach to a stick. Decorate your sign with pictures or designs.

For additional fun options, use large juice cans, oatmeal tubes or cut holes in boxes to hit the ball through.



## Backyard Bowling

Fill ten water or soda bottles with colored water to make bowling pins. Make a bowling lane on any flat yard or driveway surface.

Use a beach ball, basketball or volleyball in place of a bowling ball.

Take turns to see how many you can knock down!



## Obstacle Course

Create an obstacle course for you and your friends. Crawl under a picnic table or make tunnels out of large boxes. You can even walk and hop along a curving garden hose or dodge a water sprinkler.

Just make sure any obstacle items you use are safe!







# SUMMER CONTEST! "FLAT CHARLIE"



**Announcing our "Flat Charlie" summer contest!**  
**Share your summer fun with us.**

It's simple to enter. Customize your Flat Charlie, which is included in this newsletter, to your liking and be as creative as you'd like!

Next, bring Flat Charlie along with you when you are out and about having summer fun. Take pictures or videos of yourself, family and friends with Flat Charlie and capture all of the fun that you are having.



**Here's an example of Flat Charlie enjoying an awesome Arizona sunset!**

Send in your entry to: [waste.info@mesaaz.gov](mailto:waste.info@mesaaz.gov), or mail to us along with entry form (located on page 8). Winners will be selected based on the most creative, most fun and the most adventurous entries. Top submittals will be published in our next newsletter.

The top applicant will win an exciting prize package, including a visit with Charlie the Recycling Chimp and a chance to explore a City of Mesa recycling truck !



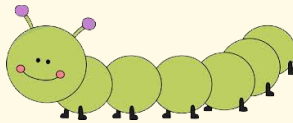
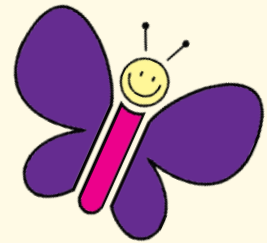


# CRAFT CORNER



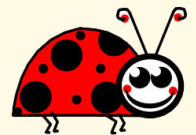
## Supplies needed:

- Plastic jar
- Googlie eyes
- Color foam scraps
- Glue
- Natural items like rocks, grass, twigs etc.
- Your imagination!



## How to make it

- Clean your recycled jar well
- Decorate the top with the foam pieces and eyes
- Make it look like your favorite bug (See samples above)
- Add a label-optional (Example: "Andrew's Bug Jar" or "I love Bugs")
- Make tiny holes in the lid or jar if your bug(s) is going to stay for a while!



## Options / Ideas:

- If you use glass jars be careful! (Glass is not recommended for small children.)
- Since this is a recycle project, we suggest you use as many recycled materials as possible
- You can paint the jar top instead of using craft foam
- Use a mason jar and put a screen on top
- Add a handle





## SECRET CODE PUZZLE

### Directions:

First, find the letters that match the symbols in the Secret Code Box.  
Next, write the matching letters below the symbols.



### Re★uce, Reuse, Recycle!

Club Blue ki★s know how to take care o☺ the☼ lanet!

We are su☼erstar recyclers!

We teach our☺rien★s an★☺a★ily how to take care o☺our☼ lanet so we can kee☼it clean☺or years to come. We always re★e★ber to recycle☼a☼er,☼lastic, glass an★★etal. We re★uce the trash we throw away, an★we reuse things too so we★on't★ake★ore trash to☼ut in the lan★☺ill.

Club Blue ki★s rock!!

### SECRET CODE BOX:

F = ☺  
D = ★

P = ☼  
M = ★

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# COOL THINGS MADE FROM RECYCLED STUFF!

There are all kinds of things you can make out of recyclable materials, just like our bug jar craft on page 5. Check out these incredible things people have created out of recyclable materials!

a PURSE MADE FROM COMPUTER  
KEYBOARD KEYS!



FISH SCULPTURE MADE FROM WATER BOTTLES!



a POLAR BEAR MADE OUT OF PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS!



Photos from: <http://list25.com/25-impressive-works-of-art-made-from-recycled-materials>



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## "FLAT CHARLIE"

Send us your "Flat Charlie" pictures or videos!

Contest winner will be announced  
in September, 2014.

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**REMEMBER!!**

**Be sure to get your parent's permission first!!**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit/Apt. #: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State : \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Submission of photos authorizes the City of Mesa the right to use photos in upcoming Club Blue Newsletters. Sorry, but photos are not able to be returned.